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# On the Stability of Generalized Quartic Mappings in Quasi- $\beta$ -Normed Spaces

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We investigate the generalized Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability problem in quasi- $\beta$ -normed spaces and then the stability by using a subadditive function for the generalized quartic function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $f(ax + by) + f(ax - by) - 2a^2(a^2 - b^2)f(x) = (ab)^2[f(x + y) + f(x - y)] - 2b^2(a^2 - b^2)f(y)$ , where  $a \neq 0$ ,  $b \neq 0$ ,  $a \pm b \neq 0$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ .

## 1. Introduction

One of the interesting questions concerning the stability problems of functional equations is as follows: when is it true that a mapping satisfying a functional equation approximately must be close to the solution of the given functional equation? Such an idea was suggested in 1940 by Ulam [1] as follows. Let  $G_1$  be a group and let  $G_2$  be a metric group with the metric  $d(\cdot, \cdot)$ . Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , does there exist a  $\delta > 0$  such that if a function  $h : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  satisfies the inequality  $d(h(xy), h(x)h(y)) < \delta$  for all  $x, y \in G_1$ , then there is a homomorphism  $H : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  with  $d(h(x), H(x)) < \varepsilon$  for all  $x \in G_1$ ? In other words, we are looking for situations when the homomorphisms are stable; that is, if a mapping is almost a homomorphism, then there exists a true homomorphism near it. In 1941, Hyers [2] considered the case of approximately additive mappings in Banach spaces and satisfying the well-known weak Hyers inequality controlled by a positive constant. The famous Hyers stability result that appeared in [2] was generalized in the stability involving a sum of powers of norms by Aoki [3]. In 1978, Rassias [4] provided a generalization of Hyers Theorem which allows the Cauchy difference to be unbounded. During the last decades, stability problems of various functional equations have been extensively studied and generalized by a number of authors [5–10]. In particular,

Rassias [11] introduced the quartic functional equation

$$f(x+2y) + f(x-2y) + 6f(x) = 4f(x+y) + 4f(x-y) + 24f(y). \quad (1.1)$$

It is easy to see that  $f(x) = x^4$  is a solution of (1.1) by virtue of the identity

$$(x+2y)^4 + (x-2y)^4 + x^4 = 4(x+y)^4 + 4(x-y)^4 + 24y^4. \quad (1.2)$$

For this reason, (1.1) is called a quartic functional equation. Also Chung and Sahoo [12] determined the general solution of (1.1) without assuming any regularity conditions on the unknown function. In fact, they proved that the function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a solution of (1.1) if and only if  $f(x) = A(x, x, x, x)$ , where the function  $A : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is symmetric and additive in each variable. Lee and Chung [13] introduced a quartic functional equation as follows:

$$f(ax+y) + f(ax-y) = a^2f(x+y) + a^2f(x-y) + 2a^2(a^2-1)f(x) - 2(a^2-1)f(y), \quad (1.3)$$

for fixed integer  $a$  with  $a \neq 0, \pm 1$ .

Let  $\beta$  be a real number with  $0 < \beta \leq 1$  and let  $\mathbb{K}$  be either  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ . We will consider the definition and some preliminary results of a quasi- $\beta$ -norm on a linear space.

*Definition 1.1.* Let  $X$  be a linear space over a field  $\mathbb{K}$ . A *quasi- $\beta$ -norm*  $\|\cdot\|$  is a real-valued function on  $X$  satisfying the followings.

- (1)  $\|x\| \geq 0$  for all  $x \in X$  and  $\|x\| = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$ .
- (2)  $\|\lambda x\| = |\lambda|^\beta \cdot \|x\|$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$  and all  $x \in X$ .
- (3) There is a constant  $K \geq 1$  such that  $\|x+y\| \leq K(\|x\| + \|y\|)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

The pair  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  is called a *quasi- $\beta$ -normed space* if  $\|\cdot\|$  is a quasi- $\beta$ -norm on  $X$ . The smallest possible  $K$  is called the *modulus of concavity* of  $\|\cdot\|$ . A *quasi-Banach space* is a complete quasi- $\beta$ -normed space.

A quasi- $\beta$ -norm  $\|\cdot\|$  is called a  $(\beta, p)$ -norm ( $0 < p \leq 1$ ) if  $\|x+y\|^p \leq \|x\|^p + \|y\|^p$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ . In this case, a quasi- $\beta$ -Banach space is called a  $(\beta, p)$ -Banach space; see [14–16].

In this paper, we consider the following the generalized quartic functional equation:

$$\begin{aligned} & f(ax+by) + f(ax-by) - 2a^2(a^2-b^2)f(x) \\ &= (ab)^2[f(x+y) + f(x-y)] - 2b^2(a^2-b^2)f(y), \end{aligned} \quad (1.4)$$

for fixed integers  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $a \neq 0$ ,  $b \neq 0$ ,  $a \pm b \neq 0$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ . We investigate the generalized Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability problem in quasi- $\beta$ -normed spaces and then the stability by using a subadditive function for the generalized quartic function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfying (1.4).

For the same reason as (1.1) and (1.2), we call (1.4) generalized quartic functional equation.

## 2. Quartic Functional Equations

Let  $X, Y$  be real vector spaces. In this section, we will investigate that the functional equation (1.1) is equivalent to the presented functional equation (1.4).

**Lemma 2.1.** *A mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfies the functional equation (1.1) if and only if  $f$  satisfies*

$$f(x + ay) + f(x - ay) + 2(a^2 - 1)f(x) = a^2[f(x + y) + f(x - y)] + 2a^2(a^2 - 1)f(y), \quad (2.1)$$

where  $a \neq 0, a \neq \pm 1$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ .

*Proof.* We will show it by induction on  $a$ . Assume that it holds for all less than equal  $a$ . Now, letting  $x$  be  $x + y$  in (2.1),

$$\begin{aligned} f(x + (a + 1)y) + f(x - (a - 1)y) + 2(a^2 - 1)f(x + y) \\ = a^2[f(x + 2y) + f(x)] + 2a^2(a^2 - 1)f(y), \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

and also replacing  $x$  by  $x - y$  in (2.1),

$$\begin{aligned} f(x + (a - 1)y) + f(x - (a + 1)y) + 2(a^2 - 1)f(x - y) \\ = a^2[f(x) + f(x - 2y)] + 2a^2(a^2 - 1)f(y), \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Adding (2.2) and (2.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(x + (a + 1)y) + f(x - (a + 1)y) + f(x + (a - 1)y) + f(x - (a - 1)y) \\ + 2(a^2 - 1)[f(x + y) + f(x - y)] \\ = a^2[f(x + 2y) + f(x - 2y)] + 2a^2f(x) + 4a^2(a^2 - 1)f(y), \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . By induction steps, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(x + (a + 1)y) + f(x - (a + 1)y) - 2((a - 1)^2 - 1)f(x) \\ + (a - 1)^2[f(x + y) + f(x - y)] + 2(a - 1)^2((a - 1)^2 - 1)f(y) \\ + 2(a^2 - 1)^2[f(x + y) + f(x - y)] \\ = a^2[-6f(x) + 4[f(x + y) + f(x - y)] + 24f(y)] \\ + 2a^2f(x) + 4a^2(a^2 - 1)f(y). \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(x + (a+1)y) + f(x - (a+1)y) + 2((a+1)^2 - 1)f(x) \\ = (a+1)^2[f(x+y) + f(x-y)] + 2(a+1)^2((a+1)^2 - 1)f(y), \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Thus they are equivalent.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.** *If a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfies the functional equation (1.4), then  $f$  satisfies the functional equation (2.1).*

*Proof.* By letting  $x = y = 0$  in (2.1), we have  $2a^2(a^2-1)f(0) = 0$ . Since  $a \neq 0$  and  $a \neq \pm 1$ ,  $f(0) = 0$ . Putting  $x = 0$  in (2.1),

$$f(ay) + f(-ay) = a^2[f(y) + f(-y)] + 2a^2(a^2 - 1)f(y). \quad (2.7)$$

Now, replacing  $y$  by  $-y$  in (2.7),

$$f(ay) + f(-ay) = a^2[f(y) + f(-y)] + 2a^2(a^2 - 1)f(-y). \quad (2.8)$$

By (2.7) and (2.8), we have  $2a^2(a^2 - 1)f(y) = 2a^2(a^2 - 1)f(-y)$ , that is,  $f(y) = f(-y)$ . Hence  $f$  is even. This implies that  $2f(ay) = 2a^2f(y) + 2a^2(a^2 - 1)f(y)$ , that is,  $f(ay) = a^4f(y)$ , for all  $y \in X$ . Now, we will show that (2.1) implies (1.4). By letting  $x = bx$  in (2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(bx + ay) + f(bx - ay) + 2(a^2 - 1)f(bx) \\ = a^2[f(bx + y) + f(bx - y)] + 2a^2(a^2 - 1)f(y). \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

Switching  $x$  and  $y$  in the previous equation,

$$\begin{aligned} f(ax + by) + f(ax - by) + 2(a^2 - 1)f(by) \\ = a^2[f(x + by) + f(x - by)] + 2a^2(a^2 - 1)f(x). \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

By (2.1) with  $b$ , the previous equation implies that

$$\begin{aligned} f(ax + by) + f(ax - by) + 2b^4(a^2 - 1)f(y) \\ = a^2b^2[f(x + y) + f(x - y)] + 2a^2b^2(b^2 - 1)f(y) \\ - 2a^2(b^2 - 1)f(x) + 2a^2(a^2 - 1)f(x). \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} & f(ax + by) + f(ax - by) - 2a^2(a^2 - b^2)f(x) \\ &= (ab)^2[f(x + y) + f(x - y)] - 2b^2(a^2 - b^2)f(y), \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . □

**Corollary 2.3.** *If a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfies the functional equation (1.1), then  $f$  satisfies the functional equation (1.4).*

### 3. Stabilities

Throughout this section, let  $X$  be a quasi- $\beta$ -normed space and let  $Y$  be a quasi- $\beta$ -Banach space with a quasi- $\beta$ -norm  $\|\cdot\|_Y$ . Let  $K$  be the modulus of concavity of  $\|\cdot\|_Y$ . We will investigate the generalized Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stability problem for the functional equation (1.4). After then we will study the stability by using a subadditive function. For a given mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and all fixed integers  $a$  and  $b$  with  $a \neq 0$ ,  $a \neq \pm b$ , let

$$\begin{aligned} Df(x, y) &:= f(ax + by) + f(ax - by) - 2a^2(a^2 - b^2)f(x) \\ &\quad + 2b^2(a^2 - b^2)f(y) - (ab)^2[f(x + y) + f(x - y)], \quad x, y \in X. \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

**Theorem 3.1.** *Suppose that there exists a mapping  $\phi : X^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ := [0, \infty)$  for which a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfies  $f(0) = 0$ ,*

$$\|Df(x, y)\|_Y \leq \phi(x, y), \quad (3.2)$$

*and the series  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (K/a^{4\beta})^j \phi(a^j x, a^j y)$  converges for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then there exists a unique generalized quartic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  which satisfies (1.4) and the inequality*

$$\|f(x) - Q(x)\|_Y \leq \frac{K}{2^\beta a^{4\beta}} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{K}{a^{4\beta}}\right)^j \phi(a^j x, 0), \quad (3.3)$$

*for all  $x \in X$ .*

*Proof.* By letting  $y = 0$  in the inequality (3.2), since  $f(0) = 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|Df(x, 0)\|_Y &= \left\| 2f(ax) - 2a^2(a^2 - b^2)f(x) - 2(ab)^2f(x) \right\|_Y \\ &= \left\| 2f(ax) - 2a^4f(x) \right\|_Y = \left(2a^4\right)^\beta \left\| f(x) - \frac{1}{a^4}f(ax) \right\|_Y \leq \phi(x, 0), \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

that is,

$$\left\| f(x) - \frac{1}{a^4} f(ax) \right\|_Y \leq \frac{1}{2^\beta a^{4\beta}} \phi(x, 0), \quad (3.5)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Now, putting  $x = ax$  and multiplying  $1/a^{4\beta}$  in the inequality (3.5), we get

$$\frac{1}{a^{4\beta}} \left\| f(ax) - \frac{1}{a^4} f(a^2x) \right\|_Y \leq \frac{1}{2^\beta} \left( \frac{1}{a^{4\beta}} \right)^2 \phi(ax, 0), \quad (3.6)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Combining (3.5) and (3.6), we have

$$\left\| f(x) - \left( \frac{1}{a^4} \right)^2 f(a^2x) \right\|_Y \leq \frac{K}{2^\beta a^{4\beta}} \left[ \phi(x, 0) + \frac{1}{a^{4\beta}} \phi(ax, 0) \right], \quad (3.7)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Inductively, since  $K \geq 1$ , we have

$$\left\| f(x) - \left( \frac{1}{a^4} \right)^s f(a^s x) \right\|_Y \leq \frac{K}{2^\beta a^{4\beta}} \sum_{j=0}^{s-1} \left( \frac{K}{a^{4\beta}} \right)^j \phi(a^j x, 0), \quad (3.8)$$

for all  $x \in X$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ . For all  $s$  and  $d$  with  $s < d$  and switching  $x$  and  $a^s x$  and multiplying  $(1/a^{4\beta})^s$  in the inequality (3.5), inductively,

$$\left\| \left( \frac{1}{a^4} \right)^s f(a^s x) - \left( \frac{1}{a^4} \right)^d f(a^d x) \right\|_Y \leq \frac{K}{2^\beta a^{4\beta}} \sum_{j=s}^{d-1} \left( \frac{K}{a^{4\beta}} \right)^j \phi(a^j x, 0), \quad (3.9)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Since the right-hand side of the previous inequality tends to 0 as  $d \rightarrow \infty$ , hence  $\{(1/a^4)^s f(a^s x)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in the quasi- $\beta$ -Banach space  $Y$ . Thus we may define

$$Q(x) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{a^4} \right)^s f(a^s x), \quad (3.10)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Since  $K \geq 1$ , replacing  $x$  and  $y$  by  $a^s x$  and  $a^s y$ , respectively, and dividing by  $a^{4\beta s}$  in the inequality (3.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \frac{1}{a^{4\beta}} \right)^s \|Df(a^s x, a^s y)\|_Y \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{a^{4\beta}} \right)^s \left\| (a^s(ax + by)) + f(a^s(ax - by)) - 2a^2(a^2 - b^2)f(a^s x) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + 2b^2(a^2 - b^2)f(a^s y) - (ab)^2[f(a^s(x + y)) - f(a^s(x - y))] \right\|_Y \\ &\leq \left( \frac{K}{a^{4\beta}} \right)^s \phi(a^s x, a^s y), \end{aligned} \quad (3.11)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . By taking  $s \rightarrow \infty$ , the definition of  $Q$  implies that  $Q$  satisfies (1.4) for all  $x, y \in X$ ; that is,  $Q$  is the generalized quartic mapping. Also, the inequality (3.8) implies the inequality (3.3). Now, it remains to show the uniqueness. Assume that there exists  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfying (1.4) and (3.3). It is easy to show that for all  $x \in X$ ,  $T(a^s x) = a^{4s}T(x)$  and  $Q(a^s x) = a^{4s}Q(x)$ , as in the proof of Theorem 2.2. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|T(x) - Q(x)\|_Y &= \left(\frac{1}{a^{4\beta}}\right)^s \|T(a^s x) - Q(a^s x)\|_Y \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{a^{4\beta}}\right)^s K(\|T(a^s x) - f(a^s x)\|_Y + \|f(a^s x) - Q(a^s x)\|_Y) \\ &\leq \frac{2K^2}{2^\beta a^{4\beta}} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{K}{a^{4\beta}}\right)^{s+j} \phi(a^{s+j}x, 0), \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . By letting  $s \rightarrow \infty$ , we immediately have the uniqueness of  $Q$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** Suppose that there exists a mapping  $\phi : X^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ := [0, \infty)$  for which a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfies  $f(0) = 0$ ,

$$\|Df(x, y)\|_Y \leq \phi(x, y), \quad (3.13)$$

and the series  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (a^{4\beta}K)^j \phi(a^{-j}x, a^{-j}y)$  converges for all  $x, y \in X$ . Then there exists a unique generalized quartic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  which satisfies (2.1) and the inequality

$$\|f(x) - Q(x)\|_Y \leq \frac{1}{2^\beta a^{4\beta}} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (a^{4\beta}K)^j \phi(a^{-j}x, 0), \quad (3.14)$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* If  $x$  is replaced by  $(1/a)x$  in the inequality (3.5), then the proof follows from the proof of Theorem 3.1.  $\square$

Now we will recall a subadditive function and then investigate the stability under the condition that the space  $Y$  is a  $(\beta, p)$ -Banach space. The basic definitions of subadditive functions follow from [16].

A function  $\phi : A \rightarrow B$  having a domain  $A$  and a codomain  $(B, \leq)$  that are both closed under addition is called

- (1) a *subadditive function* if  $\phi(x + y) \leq \phi(x) + \phi(y)$ ,
- (2) a *contractively subadditive function* if there exists a constant  $L$  with  $0 < L < 1$  such that  $\phi(x + y) \leq L(\phi(x) + \phi(y))$ ,
- (3) an *expansively superadditive function* if there exists a constant  $L$  with  $0 < L < 1$  such that  $\phi(x + y) \geq (1/L)(\phi(x) + \phi(y))$ ,

for all  $x, y \in A$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** Suppose that there exists a mapping  $\phi : X^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ := [0, \infty)$  for which a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfies  $f(0) = 0$ ,

$$\|Df(x, y)\|_Y \leq \phi(x, y), \quad (3.15)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and the map  $\phi$  is contractively subadditive with a constant  $L$  such that  $a^{1-4\beta}L < 1$ . Then there exists a unique generalized quartic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  which satisfies (1.4) and the inequality

$$\|f(x) - Q(x)\|_Y \leq \frac{\phi(x, 0)}{2^{\beta} \sqrt[p]{a^{4\beta p} - (aL)^p}}, \quad (3.16)$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* By the inequalities (3.5) and (3.9) of the proof of Theorem 3.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{1}{a^{4s}} f(a^s x) - \frac{1}{a^{4d}} f(a^d x) \right\|_Y^p &\leq \sum_{j=s}^{d-1} \left( \frac{1}{a^{4\beta}} \right)^{jp} \left\| f(a^j x) - \frac{1}{a^4} f(a^{j+1} x) \right\|_Y^p \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2^{\beta p} a^{4\beta p}} \sum_{j=s}^{d-1} \left( \frac{1}{a^{4\beta}} \right)^{jp} \phi(a^j x, 0)^p \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2^{\beta p} a^{4\beta p}} \sum_{j=s}^{d-1} \left( \frac{1}{a^{4\beta}} \right)^{jp} (aL)^{jp} \phi(x, 0)^p \\ &= \frac{\phi(x, 0)^p}{2^{\beta p} a^{4\beta p}} \sum_{j=s}^{d-1} (a^{1-4\beta} L)^{jp}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.17)$$

that is,

$$\left\| \left( \frac{1}{a^4} \right)^s f(a^s x) - \left( \frac{1}{a^4} \right)^d f(a^d x) \right\|_Y^p \leq \frac{\phi(x, 0)^p}{2^{\beta p} a^{4\beta p}} \sum_{j=s}^{d-1} (a^{1-4\beta} L)^{jp}, \quad (3.18)$$

for all  $x \in X$ , and for all  $s$  and  $d$  with  $s < d$ . Hence  $\{(1/a^{4s})f(a^s x)\}$  is a Cauchy sequence in the space  $Y$ . Thus we may define

$$Q(x) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{a^{4s}} f(a^s x), \quad (3.19)$$



for all  $x \in X$ . Now, we will show that the map  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  is a generalized quartic mapping. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|DQ(x, y)\|_Y^p &= \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\|Df(a^s x, a^s y)\|_Y^p}{a^{4\beta p s}} \\ &\leq \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\phi(a^s x, a^s y)^p}{a^{4\beta p s}} \\ &\leq \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \phi(x, y)^p (a^{1-4\beta} L)^{ps} = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (3.20)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . Hence the mapping  $Q$  is a generalized quartic mapping. Note that the inequality (3.18) implies the inequality (3.16) by letting  $s = 0$  and taking  $d \rightarrow \infty$ . Assume that there exists  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfying (1.4) and (3.16). We know that  $T(a^s x) = a^{4s} T(x)$ , for all  $x \in X$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| T(x) - \left( \frac{1}{a^4} \right)^s f(a^s x) \right\|_Y^p &= \left( \frac{1}{a^{4\beta}} \right)^{ps} \|T(a^s x) - f(a^s x)\|_Y^p \\ &\leq \left( \frac{1}{a^{4\beta}} \right)^{ps} \frac{\phi(a^s x, 0)^p}{2^{\beta p} (a^{4\beta p} - (aL)^p)} \\ &\leq (a^{1-4\beta} L)^{ps} \frac{\phi(x, 0)^p}{2^{\beta p} (a^{4\beta p} - (aL)^p)}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.21)$$

that is,

$$\left\| T(x) - \left( \frac{1}{a^4} \right)^s f(a^s x) \right\|_Y \leq (a^{1-4\beta} L)^s \frac{\phi(x, 0)}{2^\beta \sqrt[p]{(a^{4\beta p} - (aL)^p)}}, \quad (3.22)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . By letting  $s \rightarrow \infty$ , we immediately have the uniqueness of  $Q$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** Suppose that there exists a mapping  $\phi : X^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ := [0, \infty)$  for which a mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  satisfies  $f(0) = 0$ ,

$$\|Df(x, y)\|_Y \leq \phi(x, y), \quad (3.23)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$  and the map  $\phi$  is expansively superadditive with a constant  $L$  such that  $a^{4\beta-1}L < 1$ . Then there exists a unique generalized quartic mapping  $Q : X \rightarrow Y$  which satisfies (1.4) and the inequality

$$\|f(x) - Q(x)\|_Y \leq \frac{\phi(x, 0)}{2^\beta L \sqrt[p]{a^p - (a^{4\beta} L)^p}}, \quad (3.24)$$

for all  $x \in X$ .

*Proof.* By letting  $y = 0$  in (3.23), we have

$$\left\| 2f(ax) - 2a^4f(x) \right\|_Y \leq \phi(x, 0), \quad (3.25)$$

and then replacing  $x$  by  $x/a$ ,

$$\left\| f(x) - a^4f\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) \right\|_Y \leq \frac{1}{2^\beta} \phi\left(\frac{x}{a}, 0\right), \quad (3.26)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . For all  $s$  and  $d$  with  $s < d$ , inductively we have

$$\left\| a^{4s}f\left(\frac{x}{a^s}\right) - a^{4d}f\left(\frac{x}{a^d}\right) \right\|_Y^p \leq \frac{\phi(x, 0)^p}{2^{\beta p}(aL)^p} \sum_{j=s}^{d-1} \left(a^{4\beta-1}L\right)^{jp}, \quad (3.27)$$

for all  $x \in X$ . The remains follow from the proof of Theorem 3.3.  $\square$

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